ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

JUDSON
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ABBEVILLE CHURCH, HENRY COUNTY, ALA.,

October 1st, 2d and 3d, 1886.

OFFICERS:

J. W. FOSTER, MODERATOR. . . . . Abbeville, Ala.
D. ROGERS, CLERK. . . . . Shorterville, Ala.
JNO. B. WARD, TREASURER. . . . . Abbeville Ala.

Executive Committee:

John B. Ward, Abbeville. N. L. Hawley, Lawrenceville.
W. V. Capps, " W. L. McGee, "
A. Armstrong, Abbeville.

The next session will be held with Bethel Church, Barbour county, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1887. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. W. Malone.

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MINUTES.

The Judson Association convened its Thirty Sixth Session with Abbeville Church, Oct. 1, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by G. A. Nunnally, D. D., upon Matt. 6:9—"Our Father." Prayer by Rev. R. Deal.

At 2:30 o'clock P. M., the body was called to order by Bro J. W. Foster. Brother Deal opened the services with the 592d song. Brother E. M. Knowls led in prayer.

Letters from the churches were read by Brethren Jno. T. Davis and J. T. Johnson, and messengers' names enrolled, as follows:

Abbeville—Rev. A. L. Martin, J. W. Foster, Jno. B. Ward, Wm. I. Weems, H. H. Martin, T. A. Traiwick, Z, T. Kirkland.
Adoniram—J. F. Boon, G. T. Roberts, J. S. Barnette.
Bethel—M. E. Smith, R. J. Price. Daniel Walker, J. K. Price.
Beulah—T. H. Trotter, D. E. Burdeshaw, J. T. Johnson.
Bethlehem—J. A. Campbell, J. B. White, A. J. M. Hardwick, D. Lock.
Christian Grove—Rev. R. B. Lee, G. B James.
Center—Rev. S. J. Knowls, Jno. Roney, James Jones.
Ebenezer—M. Buie, J. A. Culbreth.
Fellowship—Angus Harp, Jno. W. Barns.
Friendship—J. F. Phillips, R. G. Hartly, C. V. Milar.
Gordon—Letter, no delegate.
Hebron—A. J. Armstrong, J. B. Jones, J. S. Granberry.
Judson—J. S. Bird, I. J. Gissendaner.
Liberty—C. D. Parish, T. T. Ethrege, H. W. Harper.
Lawrenceville—S. J. Belcher, Joseph Espy.
Mt. Pleasant, Barbour—J. E. Ray, Manning Scott.
Mt. Pleasant, Dale—Rev. Aris Armstrong, W. F. Robinson.
Mt. Aerial—Seth Brigham.
New Hope—Rev. J. W. Malone, W. Y. Fleming.
Oaky Grove—W. W. Kirkland, J. L. Lisenby, W A. Whiddon.
Pleasant Grove—John H. Spivey, M. V. Capps, W, G. Davison, W. A. McClendon, S. M. Singletary.
Pleasant Hill—N. L. Sellers, E. V. Burkett.
Sardis—F. M. Elmore.
Shorterville—D. Rogers, J. W. Herndon.
Smyrna—A. Daughety.
Talbot—W. J. Barnes, W. H. Elmore.

ORGANIZATION.

Brother J. W. Malone moved that the former Moderator and Clerk be elected by acclamation. Pending the action of the body, Brother Foster begged very earnestly to be released from the office of Moderator, but after some lively and witty remarks by brethren Nunnally, Reaves and others, the vote was taken, and brother J. W. Foster was unanimously elected Moderator, and D. Rogers, Clerk. Brother Foster retorted the wit of the brethren, thanked them for the renewed token of confidence, and announced the body organized and ready for business.

1. The following *preamble and resolution* was read by Bro. John B. Ward, and after remarks by several of the brethren, the resolution was adopted:

Whereas, An impression has gone out that there is a difference or coldness between the Judson Association and the Columbia Association, and between some of the members of the two Associations, originating while both Associations were united in one; and whereas, the utmost good feeling prevails between both Associations and all of the members thereof; therefore be it

Resolved, That there is no foundation in fact for such reported difference or coldness, and there is no cause of difference between the two bodies or any of the members thereof.

2. Petitionary letters were called for, and a letter from Concord was received, asking to be received back into this body. Her messengers, J. W. Knowls and F. M. Kirkland, were welcomed to seats with us.

3. Called for Correspondents, and received

From the Eufaula Association—G. A. Nunnally, D. D., and W. N. Reaves, D. D. Brother Nunnally was received in his official capacity as Agent for Howard College Endowment.

From the Newton Association—Rev. R. Deal.

From the Bethel Association, Georgia—Rev. J. H Corley and Rev. S. A. Savelle.

From the Friendship Association, Georgia—Brother Jesse Rogers.

From the Columbia Association—Rev. E. M. Knowls, and Brother Jno. T. Davis.

Brother A. L. Martin requested that his name be recorded as voting against receiving correspondece from the Columbia Association. It is but justice to Brother Martin and the members of the Columbia Association to say, that the most kindly feeling exists between brother Martin and the breth-

ren of the Columbia Association. His objection is found in the 7th article of their faith.

4. The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Jno. B. Ward, Wm. I. Weems, H. H. Martin, A. J. Armstrong, T. H. Trotter

On Nominations—S. J. Belcher, J. H. Davis, C. V. Miller.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. Y. Fleming, Norman Sellers, M. E. Smith.

On Publications—A. Armstrong, W. L McGee, W. W. Kirkland.

On Documents—M. V. Capps, W. A. McLendon, J. W. Barnes.

On Finances—S. M. Singletary, J. T. Johnson, J. A. Campbell.

5. It was moved and adopted, that the order of business of last session be amended, so as to call for colporteurs' report, and to allow fifteen minutes each morning for miscellaneous business.

6. Set the hours of meeting at eight o'clock A. M. and 1:30 P. M. Spend half hour each morning in devotional exercises, and adjourn at pleasure.

7. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To the Eufaula Association—Rev. R. B. Lee.

Newton Association—W. L. McGee, Armstead Armstrong, W. G. Davison, S. J. Belcher, M. V. Capps, J. H. Spivey.

Columbia Association—J W. Foster, D. Lock, J. W. Herndon, W. A. McClendon, T. A. Traiwick. I. Mendham, John Roney, A. J. Armstrong, A. L J. Lisenby.

8. The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Brother W. N. Reaves to preach to-night. Brother G. A. Nunnally, at eleven o'clock to-morrow. Bro. R. Deal, Saturday night. Brother Reaves at the Baptist Church, Sunday 11 o'clock, and Brother E. M. Knowls at the Methodist Church, Sunday 11 o'clock.

W. J. Martin,
W. I. Weems,
T. H. Trotter,
J. B. Ward,
Committee.

9. The first doxology was sung and the body adjourned, with benediction by Brother E. M. Knowls.

FRIDAY—8 P. M.

Brother R. Deal preached a good and interesting sermon upon Romans, 8:34: " Who is he that condemneth; it is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the

right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Services closed by Brother G. A. Nunnally.

SATURDAY—8:30 A. M.

Abbeville, Saturday morning 8:30 o'clock. Divine services conducted by Rev. S. A. Savelle.

9 o'clock—Bro. J. W. Foster in the chair. Miscellaneous business taken up.

1. The appointing delegates to the State Convention was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

2. Brother J. W. Malone moved that the clerk be instructed to record the time and places of each meeting of this body since its organization; also the names of the Moderators and Clerks, and the names of the ministers who preached the Introductory and Missionary Sermons. The motion was adopted.

3. Letters of dismission were granted to Gordon and Ebenezar Churches.

The regular order of business was taken up.

1. The present Executive Committee and Treasurer were elected by acclamation.

2. The report of the Executive Committee was read by Brother John B. Ward, and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN: On the 4th Saturday in October, 1885, your committee held a meeting at Lawrenceville, to consider the propriety of employing a Missionary for such parts of your territory as are destitute of a preacher; and after consultation, being unable to come to any conclusion upon the subject, it was decided that we would hold another meeting. And on the third Saturday in November, we met at Pleasant Grove Church, a majority being present; and after due consideration upon the matter of employing a Missionary, we arrived at this conclusion: As the Association did not empower us to employ an Evangelist, and feeling unable to assume the responsibility ourselves with so small amount in the treasury to help defray the expenses, we adjourned. We now refer the matter to your body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARD,
M. V. CAPPS,
N. L. HAWLEY,
A. ARMSTRONG,
W. L. MCGEE.

4. Called for the Circular Letter, which was not presented.

5. The report on State Missions was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee is pleased to be able to report that under the wise and energetic management of the State Board, our missions are prospering, and accomplishing much good.

We earnestly call your attention to the reports of the State Board. These reports are here for examination. The Board requests that they be read, and these messengers take them home, read them in your churches, distribute them among your members. And that you get your churches to act upon their suggestions. We trust that the members of this Association will inform themselves upon our State work, and that each church will take active steps in raising our standing as missionaries. And as an Association, that we will faithfully, and regularly, and cheerfully co-operate with our State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARD,
T. A. TRAIWICK,
Z. T. KIRKLAND.

Brother A. L. Blizard, who was appointed to open the discussion, being absent on account of sickness, the report was adopted without discusion.

6. The report on Home Missions was called for, and the Chairman, Brother A. McAllister, being in feeble health and absent—no report was presented. [Bro. McAllister has since died—Clerk.]

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother A. L. Martin, and is as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We have abundant reason to praise God for the success of missions in all our foreign fields. The fields of Mission work continue to open up, and the call to "Come over and help us," is still heard. And strange as it may seem to us, yet it is so; in our poverty, and all the financial troubles, there has been sufficient means to sustain those in the field. And at our last Convention, others were sent out as the work is being developed. Laborers and means, under the Divine providence are sufficient. And when we remember all this, should it not encourage every one of us to do our part in this great work of sending the Word of God to these dark and benighted lands with our Missionaries to preach the blessed Gospel to them? Yes, brethren, let our prayers and means go together; for we have this assurance: when the Word goes forth it shall not return unto him void; but it shall accomplish that whereunto He has ordained it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. MARTIN.

Pending the adoption of the above report, the body was

addressed by brethren J. W. Malone, G. A. Nunnally and A. L. Martin.

A collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to $15.85.

The report was then adopted.

8. J. W. Malone read the following, which was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would recommend, that inasmuch as the temperance question has in some sections been made to serve political interests, that the Churches and Associations keep reasonably quiet, (or use their influence to keep it out of politics.) But stand firm and united in favor of the great and important question of Temperance.

J. W. MALONE, Ch'n.

May God hasten the day when every man seeking office with whiskey, will be frowned down with contempt by the citizens of this State and nation—Clerk.

9. The report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and deceased minister's families was called for. The Chairman of the committee being absent, no report was presented.

10. The Report on Sabbath Schools was called for, and the committee granted further time.

11. Jno. B. Ward read the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF J. B. WARD, TREASURER.

J. B. WARD, Treasurer, in account with Judson Association.

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Oct. 14,	To cash received of Jno. T. Davis, former Treasurer	$53 00
" " " " "	" " " " colportage pledge	10 00
" " " " "	" Col. A. McAllister, colportage pledge.	10 00
" " " " "	" D. Rogers for Friendship C'h Minutes.	75
Total		$73 75

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By cash paid Clerk, express charges and postage	$ 2 50	
" " " Selma Publishing Co	32 50	
" money order for sending same	25	
By cash paid D. Rogers, colporter	20 00	
To cash on hand to balance	18 50	
		$73 75

12. The report on Education was adopted, and is the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg to report: That the cause of Education is eminently worthy of our consideration as citizens and christians. Our civil and religious duties will be more profitably and successfully performed as our people are more highly and properly educated. A proper education we hold consists in the fullest and truest development of the muscle, mind and moral sense of the man. Such an education cannot be had in schools where the Bible and religious instruction are ignored. And further, we hold that such instruction cannot consistently and effectively be imparted only by thoroughly educated and pious teachers; hence, our denominational schools are peculiarly adapted to such work, and are therefore worthy of our support and patronage. We urge our members to observe and perform the obligations of parents in building up and sustaining the right kind of schools in their respective neighborhoods; and for higher instruction we commend the Judson Institute for girls, and Howard College for boys (both located at Marion). And as Howard College needs an Endowment to multiply its facilities and increase its usefulness, we appeal to our churches and brethren to bestow upon it liberal contributions, that an adiquate endowment may be obtained at an early day.

Respectfully submitted.

Pending the adoption of the above report, addresses were delivered by brethren Nunnally, Reaves and Malone. Dr. Nunnally, Agent for Howard College Endowment, discussed all the propositions of the report with great ability. And during his stay with us received pledges for the Endowment to the amount of five hundred dollars. The report was adopted.

13. Called for the Report on Publications. The Chairman being sick, and not present, no report was presented.

14. Read and adopted the following:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg to make the following report: That it has pleased our Heavenly Father to permit all our ministers to still remain in the vineyard. But it has pleased him to call from duty to rest, our Brother M. C. Stephenson, who was a faithful Deacon of Hebron Church. Brother Stephenson was a good and useful member of the church and community in which he lived. Brother Stephenson was born April the 7th. 1823, and died February 24th, 1886. Well done good and faithful servant, it is enough.

Respectfully submitted,

N, L. Sellers,
W. Y. Fleming,
M E. Smith.

15. Called for the Letter to the Churches on Missions, and granted the Clerk time to prepare and insert the letter in these Minutes.

16. Adjourned with long doxology. Benediction by Bro. Reaves.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock P. M., J. W. Foster in the Chair.

Prayer by Brother S. A. Savelle. Miscellaneous business taken up.

1. The Report of Colporter was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF D. ROGERS, COLPORTER FOR JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN—My report of colportage work for the Associational year is not as extensive as could be desired. I have kept on hand a good supply of valuable religious and denominational books, but owing to the financial embarrassment that has existed for the past year, the demand for books has been very small. On one trip of 20 or 25 miles I did not sell a single book. The discouraging prospects, and my very feeble health, prevented my traveling as extensively as I would otherwise have done. I have sold $78.50 worth of books, 134 volumes; preached 25 sermons; delivered 22 addresses; visited 40 different families; organized one Sabbath School; conducted the exercises of children's day; Supplied several schools with books; donated two bibles, eight testaments, and some Sabbath School books; collected on children's day, $1.75 for Bible work; collected for State and Foreign Missions, $2.30; for ALABAMA BAPTIST, $3.00; traveled 306 miles.

In addition to the above work, I have great reason to be thankful for successful work accomplished by letter. A very dear friend, and devoted Baptist in Texas, who had before leaving Alabama always enjoyed church privileges, and greatly enjoyed the public worship of God's people, had after her removal to Texas been deprived of these priviliges and pleasures Raising a lovely little family, and passing year after year without ever hearing a gospel sermon, she was greatly troubled and often wrote asking for my advice and prayers. After many prayers in their behalf, I resolved to make an effort to get a good minister sent to that destitute section, and wrote to the Secretary of the State Board of Texas, laying before him the situation, and promising that if the Board would send a good preacher to preach monthly, I would furnish Sabbath School books. Not long after this an able minister was sent, and driving up to a gate in that destitute section, a little girl went out to meet him, (it was my grand-daughter), and asking her name, said, "your grandfather has sent me to preach for you." The next day, the first sermon that had ever been preached in that place was delivered; monthly appointments arranged, a Sabbath School organized. I have furnished this Texas School such books as my scanty means would allow. The work has to some extent prospered; good has been done, which I hope is but the beginning of better times in that hitherto destitute section. Just here I will mention, that this is a striking instance of the value of united cooperation with the great brotherhood. What one or a dozen could not do alone, can be easily accomplished by the many united. Here, too feeble to travel, or to preach, I could write and accomplish through the Board that which would have failed, but for concert of action.

Before closing this report, it is proper for me to state that from the con-

tinued absence of the Secretary of our Board, and I suppose some changes in the book and colportage work, I have been unable to get such supplies of Sunday School books as I had been furnishing for Sunday Schools. This I hope will not be the case any more, and I hope soon to be able to get any of our denominational works for Sunday Schools that may be called for.

Fraternally,

D. ROGERS.

Bro. A. L. Martin, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be, and they are hereby authorized, to employ Bro. D. Rogers, on such terms as thay can agree upon, to act as evangelist, in connection with his colportage work; his duties as evangelist, being to preach at points of destitution within the bounds of the Association, as often as possible, consistant with his health, and such other duties as he and the committee may agree upon. And to settle with Bro. Rogers for work already done.

3. On motion, Pledges were taken as follows:

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville	$10 00	Pleasant Hill	$ 2 00
Bethlehem	5 00	Mt. Pleasant, Barbour	3 00
Christian Grove	2 00	Smyrna	5 00
Fellowship	5 00	New Hope	5 00
Hebron	5 00	Pleasant Grove	10 00
Lawrenceville	5 00	Sardis	1 00
Shorterville	5 00	Mt. Pleasant, Dale	3 00
Jndson	5 00	Oaky Grove	2 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J. W. Foster	$10 00	A. L. Martin	$20 00
W. I. Weems	5 00	T. A. Traiwick	5 00
W. G. Davison, paid	1 00	J. W. Herndon	2 00
D. J. Walker	1 00	I. Mendham	1 00
W. A. McClendon	1 00	M. V. Capps	5 00
C. C. Murphy	1 00	A. L. Ray	1 00
Joseph Espy	5 00	S. J. Belcher	2 00
J. W. Malone	2 00	J. B. Ward	5 00
A. J. Armstrong	2 00	W. J. Barnes	1 00
Angus Harp	1 00	A. Armstrong	1 00
N. L. Sellers	1 00	D. W. Capps	1 00
A. C. Gordon	5 00	J. W. Holland	1 00
W. W. Nobles	1 00	Sister H. E. Jordan	1 00
D. Rogers	1 00	Sister S. Gissandaner	1 00
Sister Dawsey	1 00	Sister Ella Spivey	1 00
" Nobles	1 00		
Total Church and Individual Pledges			$160.50

Pending the above, the body was addressed by Brethren W. N. Reaves, and A. L. Martin.

4. The following was offered by D. Rogers and carried.

Resolved, that we recognize the great and extensive work of the South-

ern Baptist Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, as accomplishing great good in extending over our country denominational and Sabbath School literature, and that we express our gratitude to the Society for books donated within our State, and we recommend that our Churches, Sabbath Schools, and brethren patronize the Society as far as practicable.

The regular order of business was resumed.

1. The report on nominations was then called for, read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committse on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: Bro. J. W. Malone, to preach the Introductory sermon. Bro. S. J. Knowles, alternate; Brother D. Rogers to write the Circular Letter.

Delegates to the State Convention—Brethren J. B. Ward, W. L. McGee, M. V. Capps, A. Armstrong, B. Fordham, J. W. Malone, J. W. Foster, A. L. Martin.

Respectfully submitted,
S. J. Belcher,
J. H. Davis.

2. The report on Documents was read, as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

There is but little for your Committee on Documents to report. First, we find that Sardis Church asks for twelve dollars and fifty cents, to assist in getting a pastor. We recommend that the request be granted. We also find that some of the churches give direction to their pledges, which we recommend that your body concur in. We further find that Bethel Church asks for the next session of this body: we recommend that her petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
M. V. Capps,
W. A. McClendon,
J. W. Barnes,
Com.

3. Each item of the above report was considered, and the report adopted:

4. Adopted the following:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finances, make the following report:

For Minutes	29 45
Associational purposes	11 50
Pledges redeemed	133 10
Home Missions	2 00
Foreign Missions, collection on Saturday	15 85
Aged, Indigent Ministers	1 00
Sunday's collection	9 00
	$202 00
Less Shorterville pledge paid D. Rogers. $10 00, and New Hope to B. H. & D. R.. $5 00	15 00
Total turned over to Jno. B. Ward, Treasurer	$187 00

Of the above $12 50, directed to D. Rogers; $7 00 to B. Herndon, $2 00 to Sister Whiddon.

Respectfully submitted
S. M. Singletary,
J. T. Johnson,
J. A. Campbell,
Committee.

5. Miscellaneous business taken up.

1. On motion of Brother Malone, the Clerk was allowed 35.00 for his services.

2. The following resolution, offered by Brother Malone, was and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and that they be tendered to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of Abbeville and vicinity, for their bountiful hospitality towards us during the present session of this Association.

3. The Committee on Preaching report—Brother J. H. Corley, of Ga., to preach to night; Dr. W. N. Reaves, to preach at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and Bro. J. W. Malone to preach at the M. E. Church, at the same hour. Adjourned with long doxology. Benediction by Bro. J. W. Herndon.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Bro. J. H. Corley preached a very able and interesting sermon, upon Acts 11:24—"He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord." The sermon was worth the prayerful consideration of all who heard it, especially all the ministers.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Abbeville Baptist Sabbath School assembled at the Baptist church, and after the opening exercises of singing, responsive reading, and prayer, it was announced by Bro. John B. Ward, Superintendent, that Bro. Reaves would address the Sabbath School. Dr. Reaves then interested the School, and large congregation which had assembled on the occasion, with somewhat a lengthly address. The singing, conducted by Mrs. Kolb of Eufaula, was delightful.

At 10½ o'clock the body was again called to order. The Moderator announced that motions and resolutions were in order.

1. A motion to meet in our next session at Bethel, Barbour county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1887, was adopted.

2. It was moved by Brother A. L. Martin, and adopted, that fifteen dollars of the funds in the treasury be divided between old Brother Hartley and Sister D. Whiddon. Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock, Brother R. Deal preached at the M. E. Church, and at the same hour a very large congregation assembled at the Baptist Church, to hear the Missionary sermon, by Dr. W. N. Reaves.

Brother Reaves read as an introduction the 60th Chap. of Isa., and preached upon John, 10:10—"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." At the close of the services, a collection was taken up, amounting to $9.10. Closing prayer by Brother A. L. Martin.

J. W. Foster, Moderator.

D. Rogers, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. L. Martin	Abbeville	S. W. Lock	Headland
D. E. Burdeshaw	Headland	R. B. Lee	Eufaula
S. J. Knowles	Headland	Moses Brackin	Brackin
A. L. Blizard	Abbeville	Aris Armstrong	Headland
B. Herndon	Shorterville	J. C. Skipper	Headland
J. W. Malone	Wesley	J. W. Herndon	Shorterville
D. C. Cowart	Cowart	D. Rogers	Shorterville

LICENTIATES.

B. J. Fordham	Abbeville	M. E. Smith	Kings
S. T. Spivy	Brackin	J. W. Knowls	Brackin
F. Jordan	Gordon	Jas. T. Key	Gordon

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. L. Johns, D. Walker and A. L. Ray. *To open discussion*, G. B. Farmer.

Home Missions—G. T. Roberts, J. A. Campbell and W. L. McGee. *To open discussion*, A. L. Martin.

Foreign Missions—D. Rogers, J. B. Ward and B. J. Fordham. *To open discussion*, A. L. Blizard.

Education—B. G. Farmer, Joseph Espy and J. W. Thomas. *To open discussion*, S. J. Knowles.

Temperance—M. V. Capps, J. W. Knowls, S. J. Belcher. *To open discussion*, J. W. Malone.

Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers—J. H. Spivey, Z. T. Kirkland and A. Armstrong.

Bible and Colportage Work—J. W. Malone Wm. Gissendaner and T. F. Espy. *To open discussion*, J. W. Herndon.

Sabbath Schools—A. J. Armstrong, R. B. Lee and Aris Armstrong. *To open discussion*, D. Rogers.

Church Building Fund—D. E. Burdeshaw, F. M. Kirkland and E. N. Parish. *To open discussion*, Aris Armstrong.

Publications—J. L. Fowler, J. E. Ray and M. E. Smith. *To open discussion*, J. C. Skipper.

To Write to the Churches on Missions—A. L. Blizard.

Session.	Date.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Introductory Sermons.	Missionary Sermons.	Place of Meeting.	Finance Report.	Baptised.
8	1858	E. Cody	W. B. Lacy	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor	Daleville	$474 25	379
10	1860	E. Cody	E. Brooks	Daniel Cumbie	J. B. Taylor.	Newton	417 25	291
11	1861	E. Cody	H. W. B. Price	W. P. Bryan	Cas. Smith,	Judson	351 06	81
14	1864	P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	Shorterville,		
15	1865	P. M. Calloway	E. Brooks			Sardis		
18	1868	L. R. Sims	J. R. Morris			Beulah	186 00	235
19	1869	L. R. Sims	Nat Pace	A. L. Martin	P. M. Calloway	Gordon	247 85	174
20	1870	L. R. Sims	Jas. R. Morris	L. R. Sims	R. W. Preast	New Hope	185 20	
22	1872	L. R. Sims	J. L. Williams	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	277 50	149
23	1873	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	T. E. Langley	Pilgrim's Rest	144 95	170
24	1874	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	L. R. Sims	Bethel	111 05	169
25	1875	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowls	T. E. Langley	Walnut Grove	246 00	103
26	1876	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumbie	P. M. Calloway	Pleasant Grove	132 20	100
27	1877	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowls	W. N. Chawdoin	Shorterville	239 30	254
28	1878	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. L. Martin	Pleasant Plains	165 60	90
29	1879	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	T. E. Langley	Columbia	110 25	152
30	1880	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	436 05	108
31	1881	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	Adoniram	259 35	98
32	1882	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurt	P. M. Calloway	Bethlehem	255 80	115
33	1883	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	A. P. Ashurst	Smyrna	212 00	134
34	1884	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Blizard	Shorterville	261 50	162
35	1885	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	W. M. Brunar	M. B. Bean	Beulah	337 50	152
36	1886	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	G.A.Nunnally,D.D.	W. N. Reaves, D.D	Abbeville	167 50	113

The Clerk made every effort to get a full file of minutes, but the above is all that could be obtained.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

OF THE

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. I. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that He has made himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. V. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. VI. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. VIII. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.

ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; Those having over one hundred, and not more than one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; Those having over one hundred and fifty, and not more than two hundred members, four messenger, and so in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART. III. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a moderator and clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming unorthodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the Glory of God, by extending His Kingdom of Grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the Gospel and other means, in accordance with Gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. VI. The churches of the union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letters, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem of importance, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. VII. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the fund according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

ART. IX. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same, and failed, nor of any difficulty between caurches, unless they have pursued the directions, contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them, then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of the body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This Association when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

ART. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such alteration, or amendment, be approved by a majority of the churches.

DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association, by any church in this union shall be read, and put to a vote, by the moderator, whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, shall be taken up and investigated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered, which affect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the observation of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3 Every person who speaks in debate, shall rise from his seat, address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off, or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. They shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote, except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of Government, by two thirds the members in session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Invite visiting Ministers to seats with us.
3. Call for correspondents.
4. Appoint committee on Preaching.
5. Appoint committee on Nominations.
6. Appoint committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7. Appoint committee on Publications.
8. Appoint committee on Documents.
9. Appoint a committee on Finances.
10. Arrange the hours for meeting and adjourning
11. Appoint Correspondents.
12. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
13. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
14. Call for the Report of Executive Committee.
15. Call for the Circular Letter.
16. Call for the Reports on Missions (A) State, (B) Home, (C) Foreign.
17. Call for the report on Temperance.
18. Call for the Report on Aged and Indigent Mimisters, and Deceased Minister's families.
19. Call for the Report on Sabbath Schools.
20. Call for the Colporters Report.
21. Call for the Treasurer's Report.
22. Call for the Report on Education.
23. Call for the Report on Publications.

24 Call for the Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
25. Call for the Letter to the Churhes on Missions.
26. Call for the Report on Nominations.
27. Call for the Report on Documents.
28. Arrange time and place for next session.
29. Call for the Report on Finance
30. Appoint standing committees. 1st, State Missions ; 2d, Home Missions ; 3d, Foreign Missions ; 4th, on Sabbath Schools ; 5th, on Education ; 6th, on Temperance ; 7th, on Aged and Indigent Ministers ; 8th, on Church Building Fund.
31. Appoint a Brother to write to the Churches on Missions.
32. Read Minutes.
23. Adjourn.

☞ Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at opening of each session.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886.

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by			Decrease by			Present Membership.	Sunday School.			Preaching Sabbaths	Report Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.		
Abbeville	Henry	A. L. Martin	J. W. Foster	Abbeville	65		4		2	1	1	65		S. S.		1	
Adoniram	"	S. A. Savelle	J. S. Barnett	Har Tarcks	58		2				1	53				2	
Bethel	Barbour	J. W. Malone	A. P. Belcher	Belcher	98	8	1		2	4		105				4	Rev'l.
Beulah	Henry	R. Deal	J. T. Johnson	Dothan	147		1		30	3		114		S. S.		3	
Bethlehem	"	R. Deal	B. W. Herring	Headland	133		4	1	20	5	2	112				1	
Christian Grove	Barbour	R. B. Lee	G. B. James	Eufaula	55	5	1	2	5	1		56				1	
Center	Henry	Caswell Deal	Jas. Jones	Eufaula	73	4	10		4			83				2	
Concord	"	Moses Brackin	F. M. Kirkland	Brackin	64	4	3	1	7	1	1	54				3	
Fellowship	"	R. Deal	H. Wiggins	Abbeville	98	11	7	1	10	6		105				2	Rev'l.
Friendship	"	S. A. Savelle	J. F. Phillips	Otho	15	5	4					26					
Hebron	"	J. C. Skipper	J. M. Armstrong	Columbia	36							39		S. S.		1	
Judson	"	A. L. Blizard	Jno W. Thomas	Otho	67	3	1	1	3	3	2	63				1	
Liberty	"	Wm. Brunar	C. D. Parish	Gordon	46	4	7	1	1	2		54				4	
Lawrenceville	"	A. L. Martin	N. L. Hawley	Lawrenceville	36	1	1	1	2	1		35				4	
Mt. Pleasant	Barbour	No Pastor	A. L. Ray	Kings	26				3		1	22					
Mt. Pleasant	Dale	R. C. Deal	J. A. Stephens	Headland	76	29	26			1		128					Rev'l.
Mt. Ariel	Barbour	R. B. Lee	D. C. Nolin	Cotton Hill	16	2	1	1				20				2	Rev'l.
New Hope	Henry	J. W. Malone	A. Starling	Shorterville	58	1	1	1	3	1		50				3	
Oaky Grove	"	J. W. Herndon	W. D. Whiddon	Bakersville	37	2			7	10		23		S. S.			
Pleasant Grove	"	A. L. Martin	W. A. McClendon	Abbeville	121	11	1	1	17	5		113				3	Rev'l.
Pleasant Hill	"	S. Williford	N. L. Sellers	Gordon	31	6	2	2	2	1	1	37				2	Rev'l.
Sardis	"	J. W. Herndon	F. M. Elmore	Abbeville	14				1			13				2	
Shorterville	"	A. L. Martin	W. F. Mills	Shorterville	103		5	2	9	1	1	97	10	63	37	2	
Smyrna	"	R. Deal	W. F. Jordan	Cowart	57	11	3	3	9	2	1	63				4	Rev'l.
Talbot	"	Aris Armstrong	M. P. Shelley	Headland	92	4	5		12			89				3	
Total					1622	113	90	18	149	48	11	1619					

Names of churches received from other Associations. Gordon Church to Columbia Association, Ebenezar Church to Columbia Association. Sixteen churches report a membership of 369 males, and 709 females; nine churches make no distinction between the number of male and female members.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, OCT. 7, 1886:

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Missions of Judson Association.	Indigent Ministers	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Sunday School.			Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Building and Furniture.
							Missions.	Benevolence.	School Expenses			
Abbeville			10 00		1 50					11 50		500 00
Adoniram				1 00	75					1 75		50 00
Bethel			4 00		1 50					5 50		275 00
Beulah			5 00		1 50					6 50		800 00
Bethlehem			5 00		2 00					7 00		250 00
Christian Grove					1 00	25				1 25		75 00
Center			5 00		1 50					6 50		50 00
Concord					1 50	2 25				3 75		100 00
Ebenezer					2 00					2 00		150 00
Friendship			2 00		75					2 75		
Hebron			5 00		1 00					6 00		200 00
Judson					75	5 00				5 75		600 00
Liberty			2 00		1 00					3 00		200 00
Lawrenceville			5 00		1 00					6 00		470 00
Mt. Pleasant, Barbour	2 00				50					2 50		150 00
Mt. Pleasant, Dale.					2 00					2 00		150 00
Mt. Ariel					70					70		160 00
New Hope			5 00		1 00					6 00		100 00
Oaky Grove					1 00					1 00		200 00
Pleasant Grove			10 00		1 50					11 50		800 00
Pleasant Hill			2 00		1 00					3 00		50 00
Sardis			2 00		50			1 75	1 25	2 50		50 00
Shorterville			10 00		1 50							360 00
Smyrna					1 00	4 00				5 00		300 00
Tolbot					1 00					30		200 00
Collection at Association		16 85	2 50									
Total	2 00	$16 85	$74 50	1 00	$29 45	11 50		$1 75	$1 25	$106 25	512 20	$6720 00
Individual pledges redeemed			52 00							45 00		
			$229 50							$151 25		

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES REDEEMED.

Jno. T. Davis	$10 00	W. F. Robinson	$ 1 00
Mrs. John T. Davis	1 00	W. I. Weems.	5 00
W. A. McClendon.	1 00	A. L. Martin	10 00
J. A. Campbell.	1 00	M. V. Capps.	5 00
S. J. Belcher	3 00	W. G. Davison.	1 00
N. L. Sellers	1 00	R. B. Lee.	1 00
S. Williford.	1 00	W. W. Nobles..	1 00
A. J. Armstrong.	1 00	D. Rogers	1 00
Aris Armstrong	1 00	J. B. White	1 00
J. W. Herndon, for Mrs. Whiddon.	2 00	I. Mendham.	1 00
Bro. Ray for Bro. Herndon	2 00	J. B. Ward.	2 00

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